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## **ARC Ship *Courage* Named in Maryland's Port of Baltimore**

Baltimore, MD (September 29, 2005) - The American Roll-On Roll-Off (Ro/Ro) Carrier (ARC) today expanded its American Flag Ships from five to eight in a naming ceremony at Dundalk Marine Terminal. The ship named in Baltimore was the *Courage*, formally the Aida.

"We are pleased and honored that the *Courage* was named in our Port," said F. Brooks Royster, Executive Director for the Maryland Port Administration. "The naming of an American Flag Ship is a rare occasion, so today's event is a very special one."

The *Courage* along with her to be officially named sister ships *Honor* and *Integrity* have been awarded contracts under the U.S. Maritime Security Program. This was not the first time Baltimore was selected to host the honor for the naming. Six of the eight ARC's ships bearing the American Flag status were named at the Port. The commercial fleet of ARC ships are a contingent of only 47 ships granted the honor of having the status to fly solely the American Flag. ARC is the only U.S. Flag Ro/Ro liner carrier operating in the U.S. International Trades.

ARC has initiated a new U.S. Flag Ro/Ro Service between the U.S. Gulf and East Coast to the Muddle East. The service commenced in late May from Houston, Texas. Arc's new U.S. Flag liner calls the ports of Houston, Jacksonville, Charleston and Baltimore and Alexandria, Egypt; Jeddah and Damman, Saudi Arabia; Dubai and Fujairah, UAE and Ash Shuaibah and Ash Shuwaikh, Kuwait.

ARC is headquartered in Montvale, New Jersey and has overseas offices in Hochheim, Germany and Dubai, UAE.

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